

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

I support the merger anticipating a more reliable high-speed two-way internet connection than customers now have with StarBand. There must be some accountability on the promises that costs will be competitive with cable, DSL, and other satellite internet companies. The only internet access I have from my very remote location is satellite. Without that, I can't continue my work at home and even do simple Email. I will never be able to get cable or dialup because of Wilderness and other federal land issues, and living 19 miles from the nearest town.

Please consider that without such mergers, people living away from power grids (my home is solar powered, by necessity) will be denied the only feasible access to essential services most people take for granted.

Respectfully,
Ron

Sincerely,

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